

COUNCIL COMING ATTRACTIONS



Week of Nov. 30, 2020

Election of Council Officers, Racial Equity and Social Justice Advisory Commission, Educational Equity and Enrichment Hubs, Winterization for Streeteries, Coronavirus Relief Fund, County Ethics Commission, Minimum Work Week for Building Maintenance Workers, Community Use of Public Facilities Enterprise Find, U.S. Census

Council Coming Attractions is a summary of some of the issues before the Council. All Council staff reports and additional information on each item scheduled for Council or Committee review can be viewed at: <http://www.montgomerycountymd.gov/COUNCIL/ondemand/index.html>

The Council meeting schedule may change from time to time. The current Council and Committee agendas can also be viewed at:

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The Council will hold a virtual meeting on Tuesday, Dec. 1 at 9:30 a.m.

COUNCIL

Election of Council Officers

On Tuesday, Dec. 1 at 10 a.m. Council President Sidney Katz will provide his remarks on his year leading the Council. The Council will elect new officers at 10:10 a.m.

Amendment to Resolution 19-644, Special Appropriation to the County Government's FY21 Operating Budget, Children's Opportunity Fund, Non-Departmental Account--\$1,800,000 for COVID-19 Educational Enrichment and Equity Hubs; and Amendment to the FY21 Operating Budget Resolution 19-472, FY21 Designation of Entities for Non-Competitive Contract Award Status: Greater Washington Community Foundation

On Nov. 10, the Council adopted Resolution 19-644 which provides \$1.8 million in public funding to the Greater Washington Community – Children's Opportunity Fund to provide before, during and after school care to 500 children over a 12-week period. There is a need to extend the service period of the award to

maximize the use of appropriated funds as well as the number of vulnerable children to receive care and educational support services. The Council staff report can be found here:

https://www.montgomerycountymd.gov/council/Resources/Files/agenda/col/2020/20201201/20201201_2K.pdf

Special Appropriation to the County Government's FY21 Operating Budget, Community Engagement Cluster, Support for COVID-19 Response - \$1,250,000 for Winterization for Streeteries

Councilmember Andrew Friedson, Council President Katz, Council Vice President Hucker and Councilmembers Nancy Navarro and Craig Rice are sponsoring a \$1.25 million special appropriation to provide winterization funding for streeteries in Montgomery County. As winter begins, streeteries must winterize the outdoor areas to provide heating and protection from the elements to maintain a level of business similar to what can be provided during warmer months. The ability to serve additional customers outside to comply with public health guidance related to the COVID-19 pandemic is essential for restaurants. The Regional Services Centers would implement the funding in each district where a streetry is either using part of the County's right of way or partnering with the County to assemble the outdoor space. The Council staff report can be found here:

https://www.montgomerycountymd.gov/council/Resources/Files/agenda/col/2020/20201201/20201201_2L.pdf

Special Appropriation to the County Government's FY21 Operating Budget \$8,962,097 for Federal Coronavirus Relief Fund and Amendment to Resolution 19-498 Special Appropriation to the Fiscal Year 2020 Operating Budget Montgomery County Government Federal Coronavirus Relief Fund

The County Executive has transmitted a special appropriation request of more than \$8.9 million in federal CARES funding to be allocated to the County Government COVID NDA. Based on current spending patterns and demands, the County Executive anticipates that this funding would be unspent in previously approved CARES-funded appropriations. As submitted, this appropriation would allow any unspent funding from eight previously approved appropriations to be spent on 25 types of County or municipal expenditures that were previously authorized. Council staff will present the Council will options for a more targeted approach to utilize any unspent CRF funding for consideration as part of the public hearing and action on this item, which is currently scheduled for Dec. 8. As part of the Dec. 1 CRF update, Council staff will ask that staff overseeing the implementation of the eight appropriations with potentially unspent funds to discuss the spending patterns, demands and projections through Dec. 30. The Council staff report includes a chart of the estimated funds that remain to be spent by category and can be found here:

https://www.montgomerycountymd.gov/council/Resources/Files/agenda/col/2020/20201201/20201201_2M.pdf

Amendment to Resolution 19-646; Office of the County Executive; COVID-19 Response: Tourism Grant Program

Council Vice President Tom Hucker and Councilmember Andrew Friedson are sponsoring a resolution to allow for-profit businesses to apply for the Tourism Stabilization Grant Program and clarify that COVID-related grants or funding does not qualify as public sector operating support. This change aligns with the current application language on the County's website. The Council staff report can be found here:

https://www.montgomerycountymd.gov/council/Resources/Files/agenda/col/2020/20201201/20201201_2N.pdf

Annual Meeting with Commission on Health

The Council will hold its annual meeting with the Commission on Health. The Commission will provide the Council with its statement of priorities, including school health, public health data and modernization, communicable diseases and racial equity. The functions of the Commission on Health include advising the County Executive and the Council by periodically reviewing public health programs; commenting on gaps, deficiencies, or duplications in programs and services, including health disparities and inequities; reporting on the performance of County Department of Health and Human Services (DHHS) programs and actions needed to improve programs; commenting on funding for public health programs; and advising on health planning based on health status data. The Commission on Health has 19 voting members from a cross section of consumers and providers of health care. One member must be a member of the Montgomery

County Medical Society. The Health Officer and a Council representative (council staff) are non-voting members. The following individuals are expected to attend the meeting: Desiree de la Torre, chair, Commission on Health; Christopher Burt, vice chair, Commission on Health; and Vanessa Kachipande, DHHS program manager, Commission on Health. The Council staff report can be viewed here:

https://www.montgomerycountymd.gov/council/Resources/Files/agenda/col/2020/20201201/20201201_3A.pdf

Novel Coronavirus (COVID-19) and County Public Health Planning

The Council will sit as the Board of Health to receive an update on the County's ongoing response to the COVID-19 pandemic and its recovery efforts. The Council will be joined by Dr. Travis Gayles, County health officer and chief of the Department of Health and Human Services' (DHHS) Public Health Services; Dr. Earl Stoddard, director, Office of Emergency management and Homeland Security; and Dr. Raymond Crowel, director, DHHS. The Council staff report can be viewed here:

https://www.montgomerycountymd.gov/council/Resources/Files/agenda/col/2020/20201201/20201201_3B.pdf

Coronavirus Relief Fund

As the result of the Council's Oct. 13 meeting, requested by Councilmember Nancy Navarro and supported by the full Council, about the Coronavirus Relief Fund, the Council receives a weekly status report on appropriations and expenditures from the fund by executive branch staff. Since all funds must be used by Dec. 31, 2020, it is important to track the County's use of the funds and whether any reallocations or additional appropriations are necessary. Rich Madaleno, chief administrative officer, and Dr. Earl Stoddard, director, Office of Emergency Management and Homeland Security, will brief the Council. The Council staff report can be viewed here:

https://www.montgomerycountymd.gov/council/Resources/Files/agenda/col/2020/20201201/20201201_3C.pdf

Bill 47-20, Ethics, Ethics Commission - Conflicts of Interest – Financial Disclosure – Amendments

The Council will introduce Bill 47-20, which would do the following: require employees to attend a public ethics training course; amend the law governing appeals of a decision by the Ethics Commission; amend the law governing the Ethics Commission's resolution of complaints; modify the restrictions on a public employee's participation in certain matters; repeal an exception to the restrictions on outside employment for an elected official; clarify an exception to soliciting or accepting certain small gifts; and modify the procedures for administering the financial disclosure process. The goal of this legislation is to increase transparency and ethical behavior among County employees. Council President Sidney Katz is the lead sponsor, at the request of the County Ethics Commission. The Council staff report can be viewed here:

https://www.montgomerycountymd.gov/council/Resources/Files/agenda/col/2020/20201201/20201201_17A.pdf

#MoCoEthicsCommission is being used for this bill on social media.

Expedited Bill 48-20, Human Rights and Civil Liberties – Building Maintenance Worker – Minimum Work Week – Effective Date

The Council will introduce Expedited Bill 48-20, which would delay the effective date of Bill 12-19 from Jan. 1, 2021 to Jan. 1, 2022. Bill 12-19, which was approved by the Council in Nov. 2019, requires an employer to provide a minimum work week of at least 30 hours for each employee working as a janitor, building cleaner, security officer, concierge, doorman, handyperson or building superintendent at an office building occupying at least 350,000 square feet in the County. The bill also applies to a County government employee working as a building maintenance worker in an office building of at least 350,000 square feet.

The global COVID-19 pandemic has created near empty office buildings in the County due to many office workers forced to work from home. Both the Service Employees International Union (SEIU) and AOBA (Apartment and Office Building Association of Metropolitan Washington) believe the implementation of

the law during this pandemic is likely to further destabilize employment of these workers. The Council staff report can be viewed here:

https://www.montgomerycountymd.gov/council/Resources/Files/agenda/col/2020/20201201/20201201_17B.pdf

#MinimumWorkWeek is being used for this bill on social media.

Bill 44-20, Human Rights and Civil Liberties – Racial Equity and Social Justice Advisory Committee – Members – Amendments

The Council is scheduled to vote on Bill 44-20, which would require the Office of Legislative Oversight (OLO) to submit a racial equity and social justice impact statement for each zoning text amendment. Councilmember Nancy Navarro is the lead sponsor. All other Councilmembers are cosponsors. Bill 44-20 also would add two additional public members to the Racial Equity and Social Justice Advisory Committee and authorize the County Executive to establish one or more task forces to study and make recommendations on specified racial equity and social justice issues.

In Nov. 2019, the Council unanimously approved the Racial Equity and Social Justice Act after conducting numerous community conversations and reviewing the analysis of the Council's Office of Legislative Oversight. This seminal legislation was spearheaded by Councilmember Navarro.

The Racial Equity and Social Justice Act created an official program for Montgomery County government, under the oversight of the newly created Office of Racial Equity and Social Justice. It requires each County department and office to develop a racial equity and social justice action plan, and requires that legislation, public policy initiatives and government programs, supported by budget requests, include a racial equity and social justice impact statement. It also established a Racial Equity and Social Justice Advisory Committee that would include members of the public.

Finally, it required the Montgomery County Planning Board to consider racial equity and social justice issues when preparing master plans for submission to the Council. These plans include recommendations for land uses, transportation and public facilities such as schools, libraries, community and recreation centers, parks and fire and police stations. The Council staff report can be viewed here:

https://www.montgomerycountymd.gov/council/Resources/Files/agenda/col/2020/20201201/20201201_18A.pdf

#EquityMattersinMoCo is being used for this bill on social media.

Community Use of Public Facilities Enterprise Fund

The Council will receive a briefing on the Community Use of Public Facilities (CUPF) Enterprise Fund. During the discussion of the FY21 CUPF operating budget, the Council identified the need to monitor CUPF revenue and expenditures during the fiscal year because of the impact of COVID-19 on community use revenues resulting from facility closures. In the spring, the Department was losing \$1 million in revenue each month that public facilities were offline; however, whether public facilities would become available for public use and the extent to which concerns related to the pandemic would impact public demand for facility use was unknown. Councilmembers noted that the Council might need to intervene if revenue loss threatened the viability of operations. The individuals expected to attend the briefing include the following: Ramona Bell-Pearson, director, CUPF; Patricia Vitale, financial administrator, CUPF; and Deborah Lambert, Office of Management and Budget. The Council staff report can be viewed here:

https://www.montgomerycountymd.gov/council/Resources/Files/agenda/col/2020/20201201/20201201_19.pdf

2020 U.S. Census

The Council will receive a briefing on the 2020 U.S. Census. Montgomery County finished the 2020 Census effort with a self-response rate of 78 percent, which was 1.9 percent above the self-response rate in 2010 and a key jurisdiction contributing to the State of Maryland finishing at ninth overall in the nation. The

individuals expected to attend the briefing include the following: Diane Vu, director, Office of Community Partnerships (OCP); and Shawn Ellis, 2020 Census manager, OCP. The Council staff report can be viewed here:

https://www.montgomerycountymd.gov/council/Resources/Files/agenda/col/2020/20201201/20201201_20.pdf

PUBLIC HEARINGS

All Council public hearings will be held on Tuesday, Dec. 1 at 1:30 p.m.

ZTA 20-04, Farming Defined – Accessory Mulching and Composting

The Council will hold a public hearing on Zoning Text Amendment (ZTA) 20-04, which would allow an increase in the percentage of off-site material that can be used in accessory composting and mulching uses from 20 to 50 percent. Currently, mulching and composting are allowed as accessory uses to farming, if material trucked from off-site locations is limited to 20 percent. The County generates a tremendous amount of yard and food waste. Recycling that material is preferable to generating waste. The goal of this zoning change is to allow the agricultural industry to use more yard and food waste. Councilmembers Evan Glass, Andrew Friedson, Nancy Navarro and Craig Rice are the lead sponsor of ZTA 20-04. All other Councilmembers are cosponsors. The Council staff report can be viewed here:

https://www.montgomerycountymd.gov/council/Resources/Files/agenda/col/2020/20201201/20201201_4.pdf

Resolution to Approve Disposition of a Certain Portion of the Oaks Landfill, Located at 6010 Riggs Road Gaithersburg, Maryland

The Council will hold a public hearing on a resolution to approve the disposition of a certain portion of the Oaks Landfill, which is located at 6010 Riggs Road in Gaithersburg. The County Executive is proposing to transfer property totaling 16 acres via a 20-year, long-term lease at the Oaks landfill to a private entity for the purpose of constructing and operating a six-megawatt (MW) community solar power generation facility and providing power to the County and to low- and moderate-income households. The Oaks Landfill encompasses a total of 545 acres, including a capped footprint of 170 acres (where the proposed transfer of 16 acres is located). Ameresco is the selected vendor and will finance, design, construct, own and operate the facilities. The Council staff report can be viewed here:

https://www.montgomerycountymd.gov/council/Resources/Files/agenda/col/2020/20201201/20201201_5.pdf

Supplemental Appropriation to the FY21 Operating Budget, Montgomery College, \$1,361,801 for the Governor's Emergency Education Relief (GEER) Fund

The Council will hold a public hearing and is scheduled to vote on a supplemental appropriation of \$1,361,801 to the Fiscal Year 2021 (FY21) Operating Budget of Montgomery College for the CARES Act Governor's Emergency Relief (GEER) Fund. Montgomery College plans to use the GEER funds to help residents whose employment has been impacted by COVID-19 pursue training, workforce development and continuing professional education programs that lead to industry-required certification or licensure. A majority of the funds will be used for direct student support such as scholarships for tuition and fees, student vouchers for instruction materials, technology, testing fees and other employment-related costs. The remainder of the funds will be used for project personnel and other administrative costs. The Council staff report can be viewed here:

https://www.montgomerycountymd.gov/council/Resources/Files/agenda/col/2020/20201201/20201201_6.pdf

Supplemental Appropriation to the County Government's FY21 Operating Budget, Department of Correction and Rehabilitation - \$543,000 for the Inmate Advisory Council Fund

The Council will hold a public hearing and is scheduled to vote on a supplemental appropriation of \$543,000 for the Inmate Advisory Council Fund. This increase is needed due to requirements in Governmental Accounting Standards Board (GASB) Statement 84, Fiduciary Activities. The existing fiduciary Inmate Advisory Council Fund must be dissolved and reestablished as a non-tax supported special revenue fund. The Council staff report can be viewed here:

https://www.montgomerycountymd.gov/council/Resources/Files/agenda/col/2020/20201201/20201201_7.pdf

Special Appropriation to the Fiscal Year 2021 Operating Budget, Montgomery County Public Schools, Restorative Justice Training for School Staff, \$750,000

The Council will hold a public hearing on a special appropriation of \$750,000 for restorative justice training for Montgomery County Public Schools (MCPS) staff. Councilmembers Will Jawando and Hans Riemer are proposing a package of appropriations and legislation to invest in mental health professionals and restorative justice initiatives while prohibiting the Montgomery County Police Department from placing school resource officers in school buildings. This special appropriation would provide restorative justice training for MCPS educators and staff. The Council staff report can be viewed here:

https://www.montgomerycountymd.gov/council/Resources/Files/agenda/col/2020/20201201/20201201_8.pdf

Special Appropriation to the Fiscal Year 2021 Operating Budget, Department of Health and Human Services, Children Youth and Family Services, Therapeutic Recreation Services for School-Age Youth, \$312,455

The Council will hold a public hearing on a special appropriation of \$312,455 for therapeutic recreation services for school-age youth. This funding is part of proposed a package of appropriations and legislation to invest in mental health professionals and restorative justice while prohibiting the Montgomery County Police Department from placing school resource officers in school buildings made by Councilmembers Jawando and Riemer. The Council staff report can be viewed here:

https://www.montgomerycountymd.gov/council/Resources/Files/agenda/col/2020/20201201/20201201_9.pdf

Special Appropriation to the Fiscal Year 2021 Operating Budget, Department of Recreation, Youth Development – After School Youth Support and Engagement Hubs \$406,000 (Source of Funds: General Fund Reserves) and Amendment to Fiscal Year 2021 Operating Budget Resolution 19-472 Section G, FY21 Designation of Entities for Non-Competitive Contract Award Status: Montgomery County Collaboration Council for Children, Youth and Families

The Council will hold a public hearing on a special appropriation of \$406,000 to provide structured positive youth development and social emotional learning services for vulnerable County youth, targeted at specific needs identified by their school community. This funding is proposed by Councilmembers Jawando and Riemer as part of the same package discussed above. The Council staff report can be viewed here:

https://www.montgomerycountymd.gov/council/Resources/Files/agenda/col/2020/20201201/20201201_10.pdf

Special Appropriation to the FY21 Capital Budget and Amendment to the FY21-26 Capital Improvements Program (CIP), Montgomery County Public Schools, Major Capital Projects - Elementary (No. 652101) (South Lake ES), \$5,853,000

The Council will hold a public hearing and is scheduled to vote on a special appropriation of \$5,853,000. On Oct. 26, the Education and Culture (E&C) Committee discussed the Board of Education's request to accelerate funding for the South Lake Elementary School major capital project to fiscal year 2021 (FY21) and to provide additional FY21 funding for the HVAC project. To accommodate these requests, the Committee supported a package of CIP amendments reducing expenditures in seven other MCPS CIP projects. This funding package was developed in collaboration with Montgomery County Public Schools and the Office of Budget and Management. The Council staff report can be viewed here:

https://www.montgomerycountymd.gov/council/Resources/Files/agenda/col/2020/20201201/20201201_11.pdf

Special Appropriation to the FY21 Capital Budget and Amendment to the FY21-26 Capital Improvements Program, Montgomery County Public Schools, \$3,000,000 for HVAC (Mechanical Systems) Replacement: MCPS (No. 816633)

The Council will hold a public hearing and is scheduled to vote on a special appropriation of \$3 million and a CIP amendment for the HVAC project as transmitted by the County Executive as part the package of CIP amendments discussed above. The Council staff report can be viewed here:

https://www.montgomerycountymd.gov/council/Resources/Files/agenda/col/2020/20201201/20201201_12.pdf

Amendments to the FY21-26 Capital Improvements Program, Montgomery County Public Schools

The Council will hold a public hearing and is scheduled to vote on amendments to the FY21-26 Capital Improvements Program for Montgomery County Public Schools: Clarksburg Cluster Elementary School (ES) (Clarksburg Village Site #2); Clarksburg High School (HS) Addition (No. 116505); Kensington-Parkwood ES Addition - (P651505); S. Christa McAuliffe ES Addition - (P651502); Judith Resnick ES Addition - (P651507); Shady Grove Transportation Depot Replacement - (P651641; and Blair G. Ewing Center Relocation - (P651515). These recommended amendments are consistent with the criteria for amending the capital budget because they provide fiscal capacity for other needed projects related to health and safety concerns. The special appropriations are needed to support the efforts of MCPS to safely return students to schools during the COVID-19 pandemic and to address aging infrastructure, overutilization, as well as site and programmatic challenges in major capital projects. The Council staff report can be viewed here:

https://www.montgomerycountymd.gov/council/Resources/Files/agenda/col/2020/20201201/20201201_13.pdf

Supplemental Appropriation to the FY21 Capital Budget and Amendment to the FY21-26 Capital Improvements Program, Department of Health and Human Services - \$1,000,000 for Emergency Homeless Shelter

The Council will hold a public hearing on an amendment to the FY21-26 CIP and a \$1 million supplemental appropriation for emergency homeless shelter space. The County needs to acquire additional emergency shelter space because the current main men's shelter will no longer be available starting May 2021. The County is also using two recreation centers to provide adequate shelter space for men and women given the need for distancing to maintain health and prevent the spread of COVID-19. An appropriation is needed for the County to undertake the process of acquiring an additional facility or facilities. The Council staff report can be viewed here:

https://www.montgomerycountymd.gov/council/Resources/Files/agenda/col/2020/20201201/20201201_14.pdf

Special Appropriation to the Fiscal Year 2021 Operating Budget; Montgomery County Government; Department of Housing and Community Affairs (DHCA); COVID-19 Response: Maryland State CDBG-CV HUD CPD Funding; \$3,473,228

The Council will hold a public hearing and is scheduled to vote on a special appropriation of \$3,473,228 to the Department of Housing and Community Affairs (DHCA) for COVID-19 response. The County applied to the Maryland Department of Housing and Community Development for a competitive grant and was awarded \$3,473,228. The County will use these funds for rent assistance for households with incomes of 60 percent of area median income or less who are at risk of eviction from income loss due to COVID-19. Up to six months of assistance can be provided. The program will be administered by the Department of Health and Human Services. The Council staff report can be viewed here:

https://www.montgomerycountymd.gov/council/Resources/Files/agenda/col/2020/20201201/20201201_15.pdf

Special Appropriation to the Fiscal Year 2021 Operating Budget; Montgomery County Government; Department of Housing and Community Affairs (DHCA); COVID-19 Response: CDBG-CV HUD CPD Funding; \$4,227,565

The Council will hold a public hearing and is scheduled to vote on a special appropriation of \$4,227,565 to DHCA for COVID-19 response. The County needs additional federal funds to support residents in need of rent assistance because the loss of income from the impacts of COVID-19 means that they cannot pay all or part of their rent. The number of people seeking emergency shelter is increasing. County costs for providing emergency shelter to homeless residents have also increased significantly because of the need for additional shelter space to provide appropriate distancing and staff support to protect health and prevent the spread of COVID-19. The Council staff report can be viewed here:

https://www.montgomerycountymd.gov/council/Resources/Files/agenda/col/2020/20201201/20201201_16.pdf

COMMITTEE

Special Appropriation - DHCA - \$3,473,228 for COVID-19 Response: Maryland State CDBG-CV HUD CPD Funding

On Monday, Nov. 30 at 9 a.m. the Planning, Housing and Economic Development (PHED) Committee will review a special appropriation of \$3,473,228 to the Department of Housing and Community Affairs' FY21 Operating Budget for COVID-19 response. Montgomery County has received additional federal CARES Act Community Development Block Grant-CV (CDBG-CV) funds through the State of Maryland to be used for financial support for County residents facing hardships due to COVID-19. This rental assistance will be made available to households with incomes at or below 60 percent of area median income that are in danger of losing their housing and may cover up to six months of rent. The Council staff report can be viewed here:

https://www.montgomerycountymd.gov/council/Resources/Files/agenda/cm/2020/20201130/20201130_PHED1.pdf

Special Appropriation - DHCA - \$4,227,565 for COVID-19 Response: CDBG-CV HUD CPD Funding

The PHED Committee also will review a special appropriation of \$4,227,565 to the Department of Housing and Community Affairs' FY21 Operating Budget for COVID-19 response. Montgomery County has received additional federal CARES Act Community Development Block Grant-CV (CDBG-CV) funds to be used for financial assistance and emergency shelter support for people facing financial hardships because of the COVID-19 health crisis. The Council staff report can be viewed here:

https://www.montgomerycountymd.gov/council/Resources/Files/agenda/cm/2020/20201130/20201130_PHED2.pdf

Preservation of Affordable Housing Study

The PHED Committee will receive a briefing on the Montgomery County Preservation Study that was completed by consulting firms HR&A, LSA Planning and Neighborhood Fundamentals, LLC for the Montgomery County Planning Department and Planning Board. The study looks at both unrestricted naturally occurring affordable housing (NOAH) and deed-restricted affordable housing. For this study "preservation" is considered either the extension of the affordability of deed-restricted units or conversion of NOAH to deed-restricted affordable units. The study looked at data for approximately 113,500 multifamily units, deed-restricted and NOAH and found that 44,000 units are affordable to households earning between 61 percent to 80 percent of area median income (AMI). Another 44,600 were found to be affordable to households earning 60 percent or less of AMI, and about 16 percent of those units (7,100 units) were considered affordable to households earning 30 percent or less of AMI. The Council staff report can be viewed here:

https://www.montgomerycountymd.gov/council/Resources/Files/agenda/cm/2020/20201130/20201130_PHED3.pdf

WMATA Property Strategy in the County

The PHED Committee will close out its meeting with a briefing on the Washington Metropolitan Area Transit Authority (WMATA) Property Strategy in the County. WMATA will present its strategies for developing its properties near Metro stops in the County into transit-oriented developments. Many of these sites are underutilized parking garages or undeveloped land. The Council's adoption of Bill 29-20, which was spearheaded by Councilmembers Riemer and Friedson, has provided new opportunities for the County to achieve high-rise development near transit access. Bill 29-20 provides tax abatements for certain types of development on WMATA property. The Montgomery County Planning Department will join the committee and WMATA to discuss how the master plans for each of the Metro stops in the County are aligned or need further refinement for the Council to achieve transit-oriented development. The Council staff report can be viewed here:

https://www.montgomerycountymd.gov/council/Resources/Files/agenda/cm/2020/20201130/20201130_PHED4.pdf

General Fund and CARES Act Funding Financial Update and Briefing for Montgomery County Public Schools and Montgomery College

On Monday, Nov. 30 at 2:30 p.m. the Education and Culture (E&C) Committee will receive a briefing on the general fund and the CARES Act for Montgomery County Public Schools (MCPS) and Montgomery College. The briefing will focus on a fiscal year 2021 (FY21) update from both MCPS and Montgomery College. This meeting was requested by the E&C Committee on Oct. 5 when the committee received a briefing on the reopening of schools. MCPS and Montgomery College staff will present information on the FY21 general fund expenditures and projections for the remainder of the fiscal year and CARES Act appropriations and expenditures. Those expected to provide information to the committee include: Dr. Jack Smith, superintendent, Montgomery County Public Schools (MCPS); Mr. Dan Marella, associate superintendent of Finance, MCPS; Mr. Tom Klausing, executive director, Office of Finance, MCPS; Dr. Deann Collins, director of CARES Act, Early Childhood and Title I, MCPS; Dr. DeRionne Pollard, president, Montgomery College (MC); Ms. Donna Schena, senior vice president for Administrative and Fiscal Services, MC; Ms. Elizabeth Greaney, chief business and financial strategy officer, MC. The Council staff report can be viewed here:

https://www.montgomerycountymd.gov/council/Resources/Files/agenda/cm/2020/20201130/20201130_EC1.pdf

Expedited Bill 36-20, Forest Conservation Law Amendments

On Wednesday, Dec. 2 at 1:30 p.m. the Transportation and Environment (T&E) Committee will review Expedited Bill 36-20, which would do the following: apply the forest conservation law to two or more platted contiguous lots that collectively total at least 40,000 square feet under certain circumstances; modify provisions related to the preferred sequence for afforestation and reforestation, forest mitigation banks, and in lieu fees to conform with state law; and exempt agricultural activities from the forest stand. Council President Sidney Katz is the lead sponsor of this bill, at the request of the Planning Board. The Council staff report will be available on Nov. 30.

#ForestConservation is being used for this bill on social media.

Abandonment of Portion of Reed Street

The T&E Committee will review the abandonment of a portion of Reed Street in Bethesda. The Council staff report will be available on Nov. 30.

OLO Report 2020-10, Ride On Routes and Services

The T&E Committee will review [OLO Report 2020-10](#), which responds to the Council's request to better understand who uses Montgomery County Department of Transportation (MCDOT) Ride On bus services, how MCDOT makes changes to Ride On services and how similar jurisdictions evaluate their transit networks. This report also provides information about Ride On data collection and reporting. OLO analyzed MCDOT Ride On reports, conducted interviews with County staff and community stakeholders, and researched transit decision processes in ten jurisdictions. In sum, OLO found that MCDOT routinely collects and reports transit data and engages in a regular process to review bus routes and services. However, it found that opportunities exist to define Ride On goals, strengthen performance metrics and increase transparency of MCDOT's transit decision processes. The Council staff report will be available on Nov. 30.

Resolution to Approve Ride On Title VI Policies, Title VI Implementation Plan 2021-2023, and Title VI Compliance Monitoring Report

The T&E Committee will close out its meeting by reviewing a resolution to approve Ride On Title VI policies, the Title VI implementation plan for the years 2021-2023 and the Title VI compliance monitoring report. Title VI of the Civil rights Act of 1964 prohibits discrimination on the basis of race, color or national origin in any program or activity that receives federal funds or other federal financial assistance. The Council staff report will be available on Nov. 30.

Nursing Homes

On Thursday, Dec. 3 at 9:30 a.m., the Health and Human Services (HHS) Committee will review the status of nursing homes in the County, with a focus on their public health and mitigation policies regarding the COVID-19 pandemic. The Council staff report will be available on Dec. 1.

Special Appropriation - DHHS - \$312,455 for Children, Youth, and Family Services - Therapeutic Recreation Services for School-Age Youth

On Thursday, Dec. 3 at 11:30 a.m. the HHS and E&C Committees will meet jointly to review a special appropriation of \$312,455 for therapeutic recreation services for school-age youth. See page five of this document for more information. The Council staff report will be available on Dec. 1.

Special Appropriation - Dept. of Recreation - \$406,000 for Youth Development - After School Youth Support and Engagement Hubs, and Designation of Entities for Non-Competitive Contract Award Status: Montgomery County Collaboration Council for Children, Youth, and Families

The HHS and E&C Committees will review a special appropriation of \$406,000 to provide structured positive youth development and social emotional learning services for vulnerable County youth, targeted at specific needs identified by their school community. See page five of this document for more information. The Council staff report will be available on Dec. 1.